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C O N F I D E N T I A L KATHMANDU 1958

FOR AMBASSADOR BROWN FROM AMBASSADOR CARGO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMG

SUBJ: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REF: STATE 097854

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL INSTRUCTIONS, I MADE DEMARCHE TO FONSEC KHATRI THIS MORNING ON QUESTION OF RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. AFTER OUTLINING REFUGEE SITUATION AND NEED FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE FROM WORLD COMMUNITY, I TOLD SECRETARY KHATRI THAT WHILE WE HOPED NEPAL WOULD BE ABLE TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO OUR DEMARCHE, WE REALIZED THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE DIFFICULT FOR NEPAL TO ACCEPT REFUGEES WHO WOULD REQUIRE LONG TERM ATTENTION BEFORE THEY COULD BE INTEGRATED INTO NEPALESE SOCIETY. I EMPHASIZED THAT THERE WERE, HOWEVER, MANY REFUGEES WITH SKILLS THAT COULD CONTRIBUTE USEFULLY TO NEPAL'S OWN DEVELOPMENT. AS EXAMPLES I MENTIONED DOCTORS, NURSES, PARAMEDICS, MECHANICS, AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL AND NUMEROUS TYPES OF PEOPLE WITH MIDDLE LEVEL SUPERVISORY SKILLS, WHICH ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY IN NEPAL, INFIELDS SUCH AS CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICITY, ENGINEERING AND MACHINE WORKS. I ASKED THAT THE GON, KEEPING IN MIND THE TRAGIC DIMENSIONS OF THE HUMAN
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PROBLEM, MAKE AN EARNEST EFFORT, WITHIN ITS MODEST LIMITATIONS,

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EFFORTS TO RESETTLE THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.
IN THIS CONNECTION, I ADDED THAT I WAS CERTAIN THAT IF THE
NEPALESE GOVERNMENT WOULD IDENTIFY THE CATEGORIES OF TRAINING
AND EXPERIENCE OF GREATEST INTEREST TO THEM, WE WOULD BE PRE-
PARED TO WORK WITH THE GON TO IDENTIFY REFUGEES WITH SUCH
QUALIFICATIONS.

2. SECRETARY KHATRI LISTENED ATTENTIVELY BUT GAVE NO SUBSTANTIVE
REACTION. HE SAID HE WOULD REPORT THIS DEMARCHE TO HIS
GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR EXAMINATION.
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